

## CHAPTER 1.1.1.

### GENERAL DEFINITIONS

#### **Animal handler**

A person with a knowledge of the behaviour and needs of animals which, with appropriate experience and a professional and positive response to an animal's needs, results in effective management and good welfare. Their competence should be demonstrated through independent assessment and certification.

#### **Container**

A non-self-propelled receptacle or other rigid structure for holding animals during a *journey* by one or several means of transport.

#### **Death**

Irreversible loss of brain activity demonstrable by the loss of brain stem reflexes.

#### **Journey**

An animal transport journey commences when the first animal is loaded onto a *vehicle/vessel* or into a *container* and ends when the last animal is unloaded, and includes any stationary resting / holding periods of less than 48 hours. The same animals do not commence a new journey until after a period of over 48 hours for rest and recuperation, with adequate feed and water.

#### **Killing**

Any procedure which causes the death of an animal.

#### **Lairage**

Pens, yards and other holding areas used for accommodating animals in order to give them necessary attention (including water, feed, rest) before they are moved on or used for specific purposes including slaughter.

#### **Loading/Unloading**

**Loading:** the procedure of moving animals onto a *vehicle/vessel* or into a *container* for transport purposes; **unloading:** the procedure of moving animals off a *vehicle/vessel* or out of a *container*.

#### **Post-journey period**

The period between *unloading* and either recovery from the effects of the *journey* or slaughter (if this occurs before recovery).

#### **Pre-journey period**

The period during which animals are identified, and often assembled for the purpose of loading them.

#### **Resting point**

A place where the *journey* is interrupted to rest, feed or water the animals; the animals may remain in the *vehicle/vessel* or *container*, or be unloaded.

#### **Restraint**

The application to an animal of any procedure designed to restrict its movements.

#### **Slaughter**

Any procedure which causes the death of an animal by bleeding.

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### **Space allowance**

The measure of the floor area and height on a *vehicle/vessel* or *container* allocated per individual or body weight of animals transported.

### **Stocking density**

The number or body weight of animals per unit area on a *vehicle/vessel* or *container*.

### **Stunning**

Any mechanical, electrical, chemical or other procedure which causes immediate loss of consciousness; when used before slaughter, the loss of consciousness lasts until death from the slaughter process; in the absence of slaughter, the procedure would allow the animal to recover consciousness.

### **Transport**

The procedures associated with the carrying of animals for commercial purposes from one location to another by land (road and rail), sea or air.

### **Transporter**

The person licensed by the *Competent Authority* to transport animals.

### **Travel**

The movement of a *vehicle/vessel* or *container* carrying animals from one location to another.

### **Vehicle/vessel**

Any means of conveyance including train, truck, aircraft or ship that is used for carrying animal(s).

### **Slaughterhouse/abattoir**

Premises, including facilities for moving or lairaging animals, used for the slaughter of *animals* for human consumption or animal feeding, and approved by the *Veterinary Services* or other *Competent Authority*.

### **Quarantine station**

A facility under the control of the *Veterinary Authority* where a group of animals is maintained in isolation with no direct or indirect contact with other animals, to prevent the transmission of specified disease(s), in order to while the animals are undergoing observation for a specified length of time and, if appropriate, testing and treatment.